

EVE OF THE OHIO ELECTION.

Views of prominent party leaders. A substantial agreement that the uncertain elements make it unsafe to predict the result—Republican victory probable. Opinions respecting the election which is to occur in Ohio to-morrow have been furnished to THE TRIBUNE from a variety of sources. George K. Nash, chairman of the Republican State Committee, says there are uncertain quantities, but he believes the Republicans will win a substantial victory. Richard Smith, Editor of The Cincinnati Gazette, says the landmarks are gone and there are no data upon which to base estimates. He looks for Democratic gains in the cities and Republican gains in the rural districts. John R. McLean, Editor of The Cincinnati Enquirer, looks to see a close vote, and hopes that Democratic gains in Hamilton County will overcome Republican majorities in the rest of the State. Governor Foster thinks the Republican majority at the last election will be cut down by Democratic gains in Cincinnati and Cleveland. John G. Thompson, Chairman of the Democratic State Committee, says he has no figures and he does not believe anybody else has any.

REPUBLICAN VICTORY LOOKED FOR.

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ALL THE LANDMARKS GONE.

Richard Smith, of Cincinnati, unable to foresee the result—extravagant claims on both sides. (BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.) CINCINNATI, Oct. 8.—With reference to the probable result of the election in this State on Tuesday I will quote the following from a private letter from one who is in a position to know all that can be known about the canvass. After referring to the temperance question and the losses and gains on that account, he says: "I am in a condition not to be surprised at being beaten, and I shall not be surprised if it proves a Waterloo for the Democracy."

This is the best information that can be given. Of course, the Democrats claim everything, and there are Republicans who also make extravagant claims, but the landmarks are gone and there are no data upon which to make trustworthy estimates. The Republican Legislature passed laws taxing the liquor traffic and closing liquor-shops on Sunday. These enactments offended the brewers and liquor-sellers, and their organizations formed an alliance with the Democrats. The latter try to say as little as possible on the subject, but they seek to encourage the Germans to believe this is a war upon their personal liberty, and an opening to absolute prohibition. The Republicans, on the other hand, have not presented a united front, part of the speakers trying to persuade the Germans that temperance is not an issue. In this country, particularly, it has been a scrub race on the part of the candidates, each one being more for himself than for the whole ticket. It is certain the Republicans will lose a large number of German votes, but whether this loss will be made up by temperance and Democratic voters cannot be said until after the election.

But whatever the result may be on Tuesday, the issue is fairly joined in Ohio. The Republican party is committed beyond recall to the restriction and regulation of the liquor traffic, while the Democratic leaders, afraid to count the party against that policy, are endeavoring to make it a voice rather than the maintenance of any clearly defined principle being their objective point. Democratic managers look for greater gains in the large cities, while many of the Democrats are afraid to count the party against that policy, and the evils resulting from free trade in liquor and on Sunday are not fully appreciated, as in seven-eighths of the State the law closing saloons on Sunday is enforced. At the same time there is ground for expecting Republican gains in the rural districts.

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JOHN G. THOMPSON NOT SANGUINE.

He has no figures and does not believe anybody else has any. (BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.) COLUMBUS, Ohio, Oct. 8.—Have you guessed out the result, Mr. Thompson? asked a TRIBUNE correspondent of the chairman of the Democratic State Executive Committee this evening.

"No, sir," was the reply. "I am going to wait for the returns this time. There is one thing I will tell you, however—anybody who tells you he knows anything about it, simply displays his ignorance. There are more uncertain quantities this campaign than I ever knew before. I believe Newman will be elected, but I have no figures, and I don't believe anybody has any. The majority may be large either way."

THE CHIEF LOCAL ISSUE.

Effect of the temperance and Sunday questions upon the campaign—beer and whiskey gardens—Democratic alliance with rum. (FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE.) CINCINNATI, Ohio, Oct. 6.—One would wish in the last week of a campaign to drop generalities and speak with a tone of some assurance of prospective majorities and results, but that in the atmosphere of Cincinnati, where even the candidates are fair to admit that their opinions may be the outgrowth of their hopes, is impossible. Only this is certain—that the "home-stretch" epoch opens upon a much brighter prospect for Republican success than the first indications of the campaign, born of the fears of politicians at Columbus, gave evidence of.

The "German element" proves to be less of a bugaboo than was feared. Upon examination it resolves itself into secondary elements, with opinions and tastes ranging from socialism to asceticism—from unrestricted indulgence to prohibition and teetotalism—but with a preponderance opposed to abrupt departure from the habits and customs of fatherland. The beer-garden—that local issue, which finds defenders, apologists and would-be eradicators in about equal proportions—seems not so remotely distinctive from the common American "gin-mill" as its friends are fond of representing.

It modulates through every tone of the gamut, from the high-toned establishments on the hill-tops where the respectable thousands meet of a Sunday night to minister at once to their thirst and their love of harmony, down through the mixed—very much so—resorts of Vine-street, the Bowers of Cincinnati—to the brothels of the slums. Its patrons are to a surprising extent Americans, and the sound of pure Anglo-Saxon profanity mingled with the gay strains of Strauss and the jingling of glasses, falls upon the ears of the Sabbath evening sinner past its portals.

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GENERAL POLITICAL NEWS.

TALK ABOUT THE LOCAL TICKETS.

Little decided as yet—probability of a citizens' movement—the county conventions. There seems to be little reason to doubt that a citizens' ticket for local offices will be placed in the field. The advocates of the movement believe that the time is ripe for it, and that if a ticket composed of good names that have not been prominent in politics in a partisan way is placed before the people, it will be elected. Party lines this fall will not be strictly drawn. It is true of Republicans and Democrats alike. The Democratic factions which have been at war with John Kelly do not like the idea of playing second fiddle to Tammany Hall and will not heartily cooperate with it. Even Irving Hall is not pleased with the outlook. "We have signified what we want," said a prominent member of the organization yesterday. "It rests with the other organizations to say whether they will grant us the small amount we ask. If they do not, we will fight."

WHAT IS DOING ABROAD.

Sequel of the campaign in Egypt. Alexandria, Oct. 8.—The Greek residents of Tanta have selected a fanatical sheikh for attempting to excite the population to commit massacres on the withdrawal of the British troops. Cairo, Oct. 8.—It is believed that the English consul sent by Wilfrid Blun, to defend Arabi Pacha will be denied access to him, the Egyptian Government being of the opinion that legal assistance from such a quarter will be of no avail since the pleadings will be heard in Arabic.

CONDITION OF AFFAIRS IN PERU.

Lima, Oct. 6.—General Lynch issued a decree on September 27 increasing the import and export duties on all merchandise 50 per cent, based on the Peruvian valuation of the goods. Montero, hearing that Garcia Calderon and Minister Logan were going to Arequipa to endeavor to make peace arrangements, was reported to be about to set up a new party, placing himself at its head and aiming at the Presidency of Peru.

POLITICAL ASSASSINATION IN COLOMBIA.

Panama, Sept. 28.—This state is quiet, and the others are apparently so; but a disgraceful occurrence has taken place in Colombia, where the President of the State and his secretary have been assassinated. General Aldana was noted for his extremely independent ideas as a politician and the fairness with which he treated his political opponents after victory. A brief telegram only announcing his death at the hand of an assassin has been received, but no one doubts that the event is the outcome of the intrigues to bring about a revolution in this Republic. Aldana had won his way in through guile, and the President, the capital of the Republic is situated, where his private opinions as a politician were known to the President of the Confederation, but by Senator Zaldiva, the President of the Confederation. The event is calculated to breed further ill feeling between Spain and Colombia, but that the two of the three States will occur, even if it should not spread throughout the Union.

DISAFFECTION IN ULSTER.

Many lukewarm Republicans and some hostile to the Salvation ticket. (FROM AN OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE.) KINGSTON, N. Y., Oct. 8.—No Folger clubs have been organized in this city or county as yet, and there is no immediate prospect of any in the near future. The only reason for this has been the fact that the business of the State Committee in New York City ever since the convention that machine matters here are really going to the dogs. He is reported to have labelled Clancy County "all right for Folger" some days ago, but after conversing with a large number of leading Republicans here, THE TRIBUNE correspondent failed to the conclusion either that the General got the various county labels mixed or Republican sentiment has undergone a radical change here pending the developments of the last two weeks.

REPORTS ABOUT THE SPANISH CABINET.

Madrid, Oct. 8.—The Iberia positively denies the rumors of impending changes in the Ministry. The Ministerial papers admit that at a recent Cabinet Council the Ministers assured Señor Sagasta, the Prime Minister, of their readiness to resign if he thought a modification of the Cabinet was desirable. Mr. Sagasta might count upon their support should a crisis be inconvenient under the present circumstances.

FOREIGN NOTES.

Baker's four mills in Bristol were burned to-day. The loss is \$50,000. A dispatch from Manila says that the fatal cases of cholera in the town now average from thirty to forty daily, and the deaths from the disease in the vicinity of the town average twenty.

THE WORK AT THE HEADQUARTERS.

There were comparatively few callers yesterday at the Republican headquarters. Chairman Smyth was absent in Albany, and General Sharpe is at his home in Ulster County. Nothing definite has yet been done concerning the nomination for Congressman at Large. General Joseph B. Carr and Howard Carroll are the names most prominently mentioned, but it is not certain that either will be chosen. The leaders are anxious to get the matter decided. In order to ally, the Anti-Administration element, if possible, the dissection of the ticket is probable that the composition of the ticket will be selected. Considerable interest is being manifested in the manufacture of the views of Congressman at Large. The Hon. William W. Taft, a prominent Republican candidate in the 11th District, has long been an advocate of the protective system. His supporters are making a lively canvass, and are assailing the views of Congressman at Large.

A FATAL RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

Columbus, O., Oct. 8.—A freight train was telegraphed by a north-bound train on the Little Miami Railroad at Sullivan's Hill last night, making a bad wreck and killing one man, supposed to be a tramp.

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